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Dear parents and carers,

## **COVID-19**

I am writing to inform you of the local actions the school is taking to mitigate the risk of the transmission of COVID-19, or the 'Coronavirus'. As you will know, the government announced new advice at a press conference yesterday, and so in light of this, we have taken new, immediate steps to ensure we keep our children safe:

- All non-essential communal gatherings involving pupils to be halted, including assemblies and educational visits (this includes year 4 swimming)
- Year 5 residential visit to be cancelled (parents of children due to attend this have been informed separately)
- Spring term parent consultations to be postponed
- Cleaning patterns to be increased even further, including deep-cleaning key areas on a daily basis

### Planning ahead

You will know that the government intends to keep schools open, however is keeping this situation under review. We are therefore making contingency plans to ensure that any disruption to your child's learning is kept to a minimum. Year group teams have been working hard to produce home learning packs for each child. These will be sent home if and when the decision is made to close schools.

### What we ask from you

- Follow new government guidance relating to the increase in the length of time for you and your household to self-isolate should you, or any member of your household, demonstrate symptoms – **now increased to 14 days**
- Inform the school immediately if your household intends to self-isolate, or if anyone in your household demonstrate a new persistent cough and/or fever

I must stress that current government advice is for schools to remain open, and so if you or members of your household are not demonstrating any symptoms, then the expectation is that children should attend school.

I shall update you immediately should any of this guidance change.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Reynolds  
Headteacher